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Administration
Minority Business Enterprise Program

Minority Development Investment
Corporation



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Rhode Island Field Office
121 South Main Street, Suite 300
Providence, RI 02903



New England Regional Small Business Conference

**“ 21st Century Technologies
for Neighborhood-Based
Business Owners”**

A free one-day conference for
small business owners
throughout New England

**August 15, 2006
8:00am – 2:30pm**

**Johnson & Wales University
Campus Recreation Center
Harborside Campus
1144 Narragansett Boulevard
Cranston, RI 02905**

Why You Should Attend

Learn about new business technologies:

- What are they and how do they work?
- What can they do for my business?
- Which do you really need?
- How can I learn more?

Agenda

8:00 – 9:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 9:45	Welcome Opening Remarks Keynote Address
9:45 – 10:00	Break
10:00 – 11:00	Round One Workshops
11:00 – 11:15	Break
11:15 – 12:15	Round Two Workshops
12:15 – 1:30	Box Lunch Networking Exhibits
1:30 – 2:30	Round Three Workshops

Directions

North of Providence – I-95 south to Exit 18 (Thurbers Ave.), turn left and go to Allens Ave., turn right and go 1 mile to Johnson & Wales University (on left after Shell Gas Station), turn left on Harborside Blvd. and proceed through campus to Shipyard Rd., turn left and go to second building on the left .

South of Providence – I-95 north to Exit 18 (Thurbers Ave.), bear right and go to Allens Ave., turn right and go 1 mile to Johnson & Wales University (on left after Shell Gas Station), turn left on Harborside Blvd. and proceed through campus to Shipyard Rd., turn left and go to second building on the left.

Workshops

- E-Commerce - Doing business on-line: Credit cards, Web sites, Banking
 - *The Verizon Bryant Center, Smithfield, RI*
- Supply Chain Management– Techniques to reduce costs in purchasing, inventory and shipping
 - *Rhode Island Manufacturing Extension Service, North Kingstown, RI*
- Financing Options - Programs available through SBA and other lenders
 - *Rhode Island District Office of SBA, Providence, RI*
- Surety Bonding – How to compete with the big guys
 - *Surety Associates, Farmington, CT*
- Wireless Communications -The benefits of border-to-border wireless communications
 - *Science and Technology Research Department, Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, Providence, RI*
- Selling to the Government – Why being small is good
 - *Rhode Island Procurement Technical Assistance Center, Providence, RI*
- Getting Paid -Receiving prompt payments from government contractors
 - *Minority Business Enterprise Program, Rhode Island Department of Administration*
- Business Opportunities for veteran-owned businesses
 - *U.S. Department of HUD, Boston, MA*

Registration

Name _____

Organization _____

Street Address _____

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Call (401) 277-8300 and ask for Deborah Hall or Taylor Bryan